1	2	3	4
4.	Punjab	2003	13
		2004	11
		2005	6
5.	Kerala	2003	74
		2004	135
		2005	120
		2006 (upto November)	146
6.	Gujarat	2003	3
		2004	7
		2005	7
		2006 (upto May)	1

Note: For Maharashtra, the figures for the period July to November, 2006 are only in respect of six districts of the Vidarbha region, namely, Akola, Wardha, Amravati, Buldana, Wasim and Yavatmal, and includes the eligible cases indicated by the State Government.

Wheat production

†1055. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the research carried out by the research institutions of the country there is a wide gap between the expected capacity and actual production of wheat in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Haryana, Gujarat and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that by utilizing this capacity there can be additional production of 20 million tones of wheat per year;

(c) if so, the facts in this regards; and

(d) the action plan Government have furmulated to increase agriculture production in these States?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The Wheat Frontline Demonstrations conducted over past five years have revealed a considerable yield gap which is as under:-

State	Current Area 2003-04 (,000 ha)	Current Yield gap (t/ha)
Uttar Pradesh	8418.0	1.346
Madhya Pradesh	2831.8	2.071
Rajasthan	2103.1	1.646
Bihar	1483.0	1.196
Haryana	2303.0	0.581
Gujarat	660.7	0.714
Maharashtra	581.1	0.654

(b) to (d) with the adoption of avaible technologies and ensuring the availability of quality inputs, timely sowing, efficient imput management alongwith policy incentives and market support etc., the yield gap can be bridged considerably resulting into higher production of wheat.

The States have been senitized for enhancing productivity by timely sowing and optimum use of inputs, For popularizing the improved package of practices amongst the farmers, 48,000 quintals quality seeds of improved varieties of wheat have been allocated to various States during 2006-07 to conduct demonstration at farmer's field by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.

Assistance to Madhya Pradesh under NHM

†1056. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been submitted by the Madhya Pradesh Government for approval under the National Horticulture Mission; and

(b) whether approval has been accorded and if not, by when, it would be accorded?

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